

Village of Skaneateles  
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery  
Regular Meeting – October 17, 2013

Present: Robert Gray, President  
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner  
Gary Trenti, Commissioner  
Roben Shappell, Deputy Clerk

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Upkeep** – President Gray said that the budgeted funds had been used by Tony LoBello to replace dead plantings in Section 11A. He also noted 2 tall trees in Section 11B that are dead and may need to be replaced. He complimented the seasonal workers on their work keeping the appearance of the cemetery at a high level. He went on to say that he does not know the status of the workers' commitment to return next year.

**Signage** – Comm. Blackler said that she has installed the administrative sign for the building. She has also attached the fee schedule to the window. Comm. Blackler is recommending the procurement and placement of 3 new street signs and 2 Section signs. The cost to obtain those signs will run \$1,320. One section sign would be an additional sign for Section 11A and a new sign for Section 11B. There is a currently unnamed road. After discussion, the Board decided to name it after Seward Ford, a long-time benefactor of the cemetery. Comm. Blaackler will check with Village Clerk Patty Couch regarding budget availability and will speak with DMO Lotkowitz about scheduling the physical installation.

**Records Update** – Ms. Shappell expressed her desire to have DMO Lotkowitz do additional record-keeping so there is an additional check on the accuracy of the cemetery records. Those present were unclear as to whether there is an up-to-date map of lot availability. The Commission also expressed a need for better record keeping in the cemetery office.

**Hardwick Lot Foundations** – President Gray related that the owner had admitted that the misplacements were entirely his fault and acknowledged that he will pay the cost for rearrangements. President Gray had visited the site. One additional stone is out of place and not flush with the ground. On motion of Comm. Trenti seconded by Comm.. Blackler, the Board unanimously approved the movement of the 4 stones to the foot of the grave.

**Renner Bench** – President Gray reported that in the southeast corner of Section 11A is the Renner lot. It is set off from neighboring plots by a row of shrubbery. The family has requested that they be allowed to furnish and place a concrete sided bench with wood slats on the lot. There are other benches placed in the cemetery. The bench is currently being refurbished and

ongoing maintenance will be the responsibility of the family. On motion of Comm. Trenti seconded by Comm.. Blackler, the Board unanimously approved the placement of a bench on the Renner lot.

**Other Business –**

- Bob Burrows -- President Gray recounted that Mr. Burrows has placed a monument on a foundation for his son David Alan. He wants to identify his four other children with similar stones, even though they may not be buried at the cemetery. He acknowledged that he would pay for the foundations. President Gray verified that the cost is \$220 per stone.
- Auburn Monument paid its arrearages in full.
- The cemetery received a \$2,000 donation for use of the chapel in connection with the Patricia Hughes burial.
- President Gray reported that the organ at the chapel is not working. He will investigate the cost to repair.

**Transactions –** There were no transactions to be reported.

**Next Meeting –** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 21, 2013 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:43 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards